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BROKEN TO MEND.

The grain must be crushed ere man is fed,
 Plants must be bruised to restore his health;
 From a wasted barrel and empty cruse
 The prophet restored the widow's wealth,
 'Twas by broken pitchers that Gideon won.
 Of the vessel's broken pieces Paul
 And his friends were saved, and even Christ
 By his broken life has ransomed all!
 By the broken bodies of saints the truth
 Was made to triumph, and glorious, too,
 Was the broken box—Earth's broken hopes
 May bring Heaven's joy and our crown in view,
 And precious in God's sight appear
 The broken things that grieved us here.

—Geo. Bancroft Griffith.

POURING OIL ON THE FIRE.

London newspapers have been making merry over the late childish demonstrations of wrath in which the Portuguese are just now indulging. Certainly the burning of English flags, the smashing of the windows of English Consuls, the bonfires of English goods sacrificed by patriotic Portuguese shopkeepers, and the national subscription for a new iron-clad do provoke a smile. But on the other hand, it has been impossible for sober-minded Englishmen to read the articles in some leading papers, and to look at the cartoons in some comic publications, without hanging their heads for shame. The hectoring, swaggering bullies of some London dailies are a disgrace to their country, and the cartoonists are beneath contempt. Of course, the insolent and irritating language of the *Times*, the *Standard* and the *Telegraph* is at once translated and telegraphed to Lisbon, and is reproduced in the Portuguese papers. It is thus the Portuguese are goaded to fury, and then we taunt them with their impotent rage. The unworthy conduct of leading London papers is almost enough to make us wish that the muzzling order could be extended to our foreign leader writers.—*Arbitrator*.

Hon. W. E. Gladstone, speaking lately at Chester, England, upon the enlargement of the United States Navy, remarked that "the worst was that while America would cite England's example for enlarging her navy, England will give a similar excuse for further naval increase. It is a matter of deep sorrow to reflect that the very ostentatious addition to the defences of a country, made under a real or pretended necessity, is made an apology for an increase of the burdens of every other country. Under profession of an additional security, the policy of Governments thus tended more and more to jeopardize the peace of the world."

Great Britain paid last year \$3,184,435 in mail steamship subsidies. The principal British subsidized line is the Peninsular and Oriental, plying to the East Indies, under a ten-years' contract guaranteeing it \$1,750,000 a year, though French and German steamers stood ready to undertake the mail service for one-half or one-third that sum, according to a statement in Parliament. Another notable instance of what ex-Secretary Whitney calls "the generosity and courage with which England pushes her shipping interest" is the new line from Vancouver to Japan and China, with a subsidy of \$300,000.

WHAT MAY CAUSE WAR.

And if ever there is bloodshed over the settlement of this question of the liquor business it will be because the mass of the people are signifying by their votes their sanction to the protection and legalization of the liquor traffic, and are directly encouraging the investment of millions of foreign capital in the business. By and by, when we have proven to our entire satisfaction that wrong methods will not work out right results, and declare as we must, that the traffic is an outlaw, and our neighbor across the water asks for those hundreds of millions of capital which our just, though belated, decision will have rendered practically valueless, what do you think we will do about it? Pay it? If not, fight?—*J. C. Pierce in Friends' Journal*.

VOTE FOR PROHIBITORY AMENDMENTS.

	For Prohibition.	Against Prohibition.
Kansas, 1880,	92,302	84,304
Iowa, June, 1882,	155,436	125,627
Ohio, 1883,	323,189	240,975
Maine, 1884,	70,783	23,811
Rhode Island, Spring, 1886,	15,100	9,230
Michigan, 1887,	178,656	186,646
Oregon, 1887,	19,973	27,958
Tennessee, 1887,	117,504	145,247
Texas, 1887,	129,173	221,627
West Virginia, 1888,	41,668	76,555
New Hampshire, 1889,	25,786	30,976
Massachusetts, 1889,	86,469	133,085
Pennsylvania, 1889,	296,617	484,644
Connecticut, 1889,	22,379	49,947
North Dakota, 1889,	18,552	17,393
South Dakota, 1889,	40,234	34,510
Washington, 1889,	19,546	31,487
Totals,	1,653,367	1,924,022

Rhode Island voted again in 1889, reversing its vote in 1886. As the totals stand, out of more than three and a half millions of votes on State Prohibition since 1880 in seventeen States, there is the not large majority against Prohibition of 270,655.

THE MOTHER OF WASHINGTON.

"Marion Harland," editor of the New York *Home-maker*, has taken up the work of restoring the ruined monument marking the burial-place of Mary the mother of Washington.

One hundred years ago this venerable woman was interred in private grounds near Fredericksburg, Virginia. In 1833 the corner-stone of an imposing memorial was laid by President Andrew Jackson. A patriotic citizen of New York assumed the pious task, single-handed, but meeting with financial disaster, was compelled to abandon it.

Marion Harland says truly—in her appeal to the mothers and daughters of America to erect a fitting monument to her who gave Our Country a Father—that "the sun shines upon no sadder ruin in the length and breadth of our land, than this unfinished structure."

—We regret to learn of the death of Harris Knight of Woodford, Ontario, an able writer on peace subjects and a welcome contributor to our columns. His influence for good cannot die.